

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (original) A method for selecting a signal from a plurality of signals received by a component in an AV system comprising :

- adding (106) an identifier to a signal in dependence on the signal being generated by an active first component;
 - sending (108) the signal from the active first component;
 - receiving (110) a plurality of signals at a second component;
 - for each signal of the plurality of received signals:
 - o analysing (112) the signal for the presence of the identifier; and
 - o where the identifier is present determining (116) and storing at least one parameter associated with the identifier;
- and
- selecting (124) a signal from the plurality of received signals in dependence on stored ones of the parameters.

2. (original) A method as claimed in claim 1 wherein the identifier comprises at least one frequency component in the range 20kHz to 500kHz.

3. (original) A method as claimed in claim 2 wherein the identifier comprises a frequency component of 22kHz.

4. (currently amended) A method as claimed in ~~any of claims 1 to 3~~claim 1 wherein the at least one parameter comprises a value related to the time of commencement of the first component becoming active and where the signal is selected based on the most recent time of commencement.

5. (currently amended) A method as claimed in ~~any preceding claim~~claim 1 further comprising, prior to the step of receiving, the step:

- communicating (109) to other components of the system a relevant parameter associated with the identifier;
prior to the step of selecting, the step:
- acquiring (123) the relevant parameter at the second component; and

wherein the step of selecting a signal from the plurality of received signals is on the basis of a comparison of stored ones of the parameters and the relevant parameter.

6. (original) A method as claimed in claim 5 wherein the at least one parameter comprises a component address.

7. (original) A method as claimed in claim 6 wherein the relevant parameter comprises the component address of the active first component.

8. (currently amended) A method as claimed in claim 6 ~~or 7~~ wherein the component addresses conform to the Project50 standard.

9. (original) An AV system comprising at least a first component (202, 204) connected to a second component (206) by a connection means, wherein the first component is operable to:

- add an identifier to a signal in dependence on the first component being active;
 - send the signal to the second component;
- and wherein the second component is operable to:
- receive from at least one first component a plurality of signals;
 - for each signal of the plurality of received signals:
 - o analyse the signal for the presence of the identifier; and
 - o where the identifier is present determine and store at least one parameter associated with the identifier;

and

- select a signal from the plurality of received signals in dependence on stored ones of the parameters.

10. (original) An AV system as claimed in claim 9, wherein the first component is further operable to:

- communicate to other components of the system a relevant parameter associated with the identifier;

and wherein the second component is operable to:

- acquire the relevant parameter at the second component; and
wherein the step of selecting a signal from the plurality of received signals is on the basis of a comparison of stored ones of the parameters and the relevant parameter.

11. (currently amended) A system as claimed in claim 9 ~~or 10~~, wherein the connection means supports the sending of analogue AV signals.

12. (original) A system as claimed in claim 11, wherein analogue AV signals comprise analogue audio via phono connector.

13. (currently amended) A system as claimed in ~~any of claims 10 to 12~~claim 10, wherein the connection means comprises a bus (350) to support the communication of the relevant parameter.

14. (currently amended) A system as claimed in claim 13, wherein the bus is Scart/HDMI supporting Project50/CEC protocols.

15. (currently amended) A system as claimed in claim 13 ~~or 14~~, wherein the identifier is communicated using the user data bits of the SP/DIF protocol.

16. (currently amended) A first component (400) for use in the system of ~~any of claims 9 to 15~~claim 9 comprising:

- a user interface (402) operable to receive user commands;
- a source (406) of AV signals;
- an output device (410) operable to:
 - o add an identifier to at least one of the AV signals;
 - o output the AV signals;
- a processor (414) operable to:
 - o instruct the output device to add the identifier in dependence on the first component being active.

17. (original) A component as claimed in claim 16 further comprising:

- a control interface (418) operable to send a relevant parameter associated with the identifier;
and wherein the processor (414) is further operable to:
 - o instruct the control interface to send a relevant parameter associated with the identifier.

18. (currently amended) A second component (500) for use in the system of ~~any of claims 9 to 15~~claim 9 comprising:

- a switching matrix (502) operable to:
 - o receive a plurality of signals;
 - o select at least one of the signals;
 - o output the at least one selected AV signals;
- a store (510);
- a processor (512) operable to:
 - o analyse each signal of the plurality of received signals for the presence of an identifier;
 - o where an identifier is present, determine and store at least one parameter associated with the identifier;
 - o instruct the switching matrix to select a signal in dependence on the stored parameters.

19. (original) A component as claimed in claim 18 further comprising:

- a control interface (516) operable to receive a relevant parameter associated with the identifier;
- and wherein the processor (512) is further operable to:
- o instruct the switching matrix to select a signal from the plurality of received signals on the basis of a comparison of the stored parameters and the relevant parameter.

20. (currently amended) A component as claimed in claim 16 ~~or 17 and claim 18 or 19.~~

21. (currently amended) A component as claimed in ~~any of claims 17, 19 or 20~~claim 17 wherein the control interface supports the Project50/CEC protocol.

22. (original) A component as claimed in claim 19, wherein the received signals are digital audio encoded using the SP/DIF protocol and the identifier is communicated using the user data bits of the SP/DIF protocol.

23. (currently amended) A record carrier comprising software operable to carry out the method of any of ~~claims 1 to 8~~claim 1.

24. (currently amended) A software utility configured for carrying out the method steps as claimed in ~~any of claims 1 to~~ claim 1.

25. (original) A component including a processor, said processor being directed in its operations by a software utility as claimed in claim 24.